

level of play. Gershon Bialer is the national Champion at the Intermediate level and Yuhshua Hosch placed 16th at the championship level.

Mr. Speaker, once again I am proud to congratulate the Evanston chess players on their continued success this year. I appreciate the Chess team's efforts in maintaining the great tradition of competitive excellence that is associated with the Wildkit name. They have made their school, their families, and the city of Evanston proud.

RECOGNIZING THE RICHARD
ENGLISH, JR., PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMUNITY ACTION FOR
IMPROVEMENT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on August 3, 2001, the Community Action For Improvement, Inc. Central Administrative Office in LaGrange, Georgia, will be dedicated in honor of Richard English, Jr., President of the Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) Board of Trustees.

The CAFI Board of Trustees voted unanimously on November 4, 1999, to name the Central Administrative office after Mr. English, in recognition of his many years of service to the agency. He has been a member of the Board for over 24 years.

Mr. English's life has been dedicated to public service. A U.S. Army veteran, he was elected to the Troup County Board of Commissioners in 1978, and has served in this capacity for 23 years. He has volunteered for numerous boards in the communities CAFI serves as well as state and national organizations.

He has volunteered in virtually every capacity at CAFI during his tenure, from bagging and carrying groceries to the car for elderly persons participating in the USDA Surplus Commodities Program, to repairing homes in the Weatherization Program.

Mr. English's leadership has been steady throughout his 22 years as president of the Board of Trustees. He has helped to steer the agency through the changes and modifications to programs and services that have occurred at the federal, state and local levels during his tenure.

I know many citizens from all walks of life will join me in recognizing Richard English, Jr., as a true and valued servant to both the people of Georgia and this country.

TRIBUTE TO ADELANTE EAGLE
AWARD RECIPIENT AMORY RAMIREZ

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Amory Ramirez, a recipient of the 2001 Adelante Eagle Award.

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Amory Ramirez serves as the Executive Director of Quality Children's Services (QCS). Prior to leading QCS, Amory's professional experience began with the Encinitas Union School District where she served from 1975 to 1990. Her positions included Bilingual Community Aide, Migrant Statistical Aide, Preschool Teacher, and Center Director. Amory served as President of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) for six years. During her 15 years of service in Encinitas she was known as an advocate for children, migrant families, employees and community issues.

In 1990 Amory accepted the position of Associate Program Director with the YMCA of East Bay. Ms. Ramirez supervised two Child Development Centers and five after school child care programs and managed a budget of over \$1 million. After two years of proven leadership, Amory Ramirez was promoted to Manager of the Child Development Department and was responsible for 12 childcare sites. By 1998 Ms. Ramirez's department was responsible for 43 sites located throughout the counties of Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Placer, Sacramento, Santa Clara and Yolo and managed a budget of over \$7 million.

Amory received recognition for her leadership skills, fiscal management, staff development, outstanding teamwork and quality child development programs from the YMCA of the East Bay and the California Department of Education.

In 1998 Amory and four colleagues had a dream to establish a non-profit organization that would provide quality services for children and families and empower child development staff while maintaining a fiscally sound program. This dream came true with the formation of Quality Children's Services.

Since 1998, QCS has operated the Encinitas Migrant Child Development Center serving 72 infants, toddlers and preschool age migrant children. Within two years QCS added five afterschool programs in collaboration with the Encinitas, Poway, and Oceanside School Districts serving over 450 students. In 2001 QCS in partnership with SELECO-WIB of Los Angeles and the Madera Coalition for Community Justice will be establishing five additional State Preschool Programs and Child Development Centers. Under Ms. Amory's leadership, QCS has begun the development of Casa de Niños in Oceanside, California, which will serve 112 preschool children.

Ms. Amory Ramirez is also serving as the Associate Executive Director with the Red-

lands YMCA and is utilizing her area of expertise to develop strong kids, strong families and a strong community.

For all she has done on behalf of the Latino community, we salute Amory Ramirez.

IN HONOR OF ABDUL-NASSER
ADJEI, M.D.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Abdul-Nasser Adjei for his commitment to promoting health education and care in the Ghanaian migrant community in New York City.

Dr. Adjei is also the proud husband of Memuna and father of two loving children, Melda and Nasser Jr.

Abdul-Nasser Adjei was born and raised in Ghana, West Africa. While completing his preliminary education, in his native country, he earned an academic scholarship to study medicine in Turkey at the Hacettepe University Medical School. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Adjei migrated to the United States where he continued his education. Dr. Adjei did his residency training at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Harlem Hospital Center. While there, he specialized in internal medicine with a sub-specialty in cardiology. He then moved to SUNY Downstate to continue his fellowship in cardiovascular medicine.

Dr. Adjei is currently part of a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York; he strives to keep his patients in good health while educating them about their health. In his endeavors to better his patients, Dr. Adjei is under the leadership of Dr. Luther Clark.

As the President of the New York area Gona Association of North America (GANA), Abdul-Nasser Adjei has dedicated the last five years of his life to promoting good health and education for the Ghanaian community. The GANA is a nonprofit organization aimed at improving the lives of Ghanaians both in Ghana and abroad through sponsorship for education and health. The organization has established a scholarship fund for education of indigent children.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Abdul-Nasser Adjei has devoted his life to educating his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly hard-working man.

AIDS EPIDEMIC

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year, we acknowledge the 20th anniversary of the recognition of the virus which has come to be called HIV/AIDS. Twenty years ago we called it GRID—Gay Related

Immune Disease. Based on that designation and the politicization of the disease, this country spent the first 10 years blaming the victims and denying the necessity for concerted action.

And while we debated, in the U.S. 400,000 people have died and more than a million have been infected. However, not only citizens in the U.S. have suffered. HIV has claimed the lives of more than 21 million people worldwide, with Sub-Sahara Africa representing the greatest number of victims.

But we have managed some progress in the last twenty years. We have medications that have demonstrated some success in stemming the suffering and prolonging lives. We have come to learn about the progression of the disease and the link between malnutrition, poverty and the progression of opportunistic infections. And we have managed to teach people in all walks of life about the methods of transmission and prevention. So twenty years after it first appeared in the U.S. much has happened, but much remains to be done. We must continue domestic and international prevention efforts. We must continue funding the search for a vaccine. We must continue research into promising treatments.

However, we cannot rest on our laurels. Much remains to be done. HIV/AIDS has become a global pandemic which threatens the lives of millions of people. The United Nations has estimated that by the year 2010, there will be 40 million children in Africa who will be orphaned by AIDS. Currently, there are 10 million AIDS orphans on the continent of Africa. What have we done and what have we failed to do for these children? Will we continue to deny the magnitude of the problem like we did 20 years ago or will we step forward and be the international leader that we have always claimed? If we learn nothing else from AIDS, let us learn this—because viruses are not respecters of persons, we must learn to compassionately care for everyone infected and affected. Our failure to do this 20 years ago brought us to where we are today. What will our continued failure to act bring about in another 20 years? Can these children count on us for help or will we blame them like we did so many others in years past?

57TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ALLIED INVASION OF FRANCE

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the fifty-seventh anniversary of the invasion of France by Allied Forces, commonly known as D-Day. It is fitting that today we honor the brave American soldiers, sailors, and airmen who took part in the greatest invasion of our history.

On D-Day, June 6, 1944, approximately 175,000 soldiers from the allied nations of the United States, Canada, and Great Britain stormed the coast of France in a campaign that proved ultimately to be the turning point of World War II.

On the eve of June 5, 1944, 175,000 troops, an armada of 5,333 ships and landing craft,

50,000 vehicles, and 11,000 planes, sat in southern England ready to attack Nazi forces stationed along France's Normandy Coast in preparation for the largest amphibious assault in history.

Included in this force were a number of New Mexicans representing the proud military tradition of the country's forty-seventh state that continues to this day. The tradition carried to the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944 began even before New Mexico's inclusion in the Union. Residents of the New Mexico Territory fought proudly in the Union Army of New Mexico and again as part of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders who were victorious at San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War.

As the dawn lit the Normandy coastline on June 6th, the Allies began their assault on Hitler's Atlantic Wall. Many New Mexican troops were killed and wounded during the invasion and in the campaigns to follow. Men such as Willie Cordova of Truchas, New Mexico, who invaded with the 90th Infantry division and was subsequently wounded while participating in five major campaigns that followed, exemplified the dignity and courage of the American Servicemen.

Since that day on June 6, 1944 new chapters have been added to New Mexico's wartime history for future generations to follow, but today belongs to those brave men and women of the Allied forces who participated in one of the greatest military campaigns in history.

It is right that we thank them for their bravery, service and commitment to liberty around the world. You, American Veterans of the Allied invasion of France and the liberation of Europe, will never be forgotten, as we owe to you the freedoms and liberties that we so enjoy.

IN SUPPORT OF TAX RELIEF

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Conference Report, H.R. 1836. I am pleased that the House moved forward with this bill because I support tax relief for millions of hard-working families. I would have voted for this family friendly legislation; however, it was brought to the floor during a time that had officially been scheduled since the beginning of the year as a district work period. Moreover, this vote fell on the morning after my oldest son's graduation commencement at Lumberton Senior High School, a ceremony in which he was a speaker and was the first in his class to receive his diploma as Senior Class President. I am very grateful for his many achievements and I could not miss this once-in-a-lifetime event.

As reflected in my earlier votes this year for tax relief, I would have supported H.R. 1836 because our families, small businesses, and family farmers need tax relief. This legislation is a bipartisan bill that will provide a marginal

income tax rate reduction, estate tax relief, marriage penalty relief, and double the child-care tax credit.

This bill provides for a gradual reduction in the tax rates that apply to individual income tax. American families have not received a broad-based federal tax cut since 1981, and many families need and want help now. Moreover, it will finally put an end to the incredibly unfair death tax, which for far too long has been effectively double-taxing the estates of hard-working Americans, destroying small, family-run businesses and draining our economy of its growth potential. It is clear that the estate tax in its current form is out-of-date and out-of-step with this nation's proud tradition of supporting family-owned businesses and farms.

I am also pleased that the legislation includes an elimination of the marriage penalty. This bill would eliminate the average \$1,400 tax penalty on 25 million married couples across the nation. Statistics show that approximately 51,000 couples in southeastern North Carolina would benefit from this legislation, which would wipe out the marriage tax penalty by doubling the standard deduction for married couples. This issue is a question of fairness. The current tax code punishes American couples by penalizing them with a higher tax bracket for entering into marriage. This policy is wrong and discourages individuals from entering into society's most basic institution. Congress should advocate policies that strengthen families and help businessmen and women succeed in the workplace, not tax them for supporting their families. In addition, I support an increase in the child tax credit to \$1,000. This provision would double the child tax credit and help the families of almost 91,000 children in the Seventh District of North Carolina alone.

Returning tax dollars to families and individuals will continue to be a top priority for me in this Congress. These and other fair and responsible tax relief bills are needed to put more money where it belongs, into the pockets of hard-working Americans.

TRIBUTE TO ADELANTE EAGLE
AWARD RECIPIENT JESUS JAVIER

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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